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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, the references are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies are submitted herewith.

It is Applicants' desire to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to review. Applicants, therefore, request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make all references of record.

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